

20. An immobiliser device according to claim 1, wherein the fouling element is attached to a projectile member that, in use, is discharged from the housing so as to carry the fouling element out of the housing.

REMARKS


Claims 12-20 are currently pending. Rejected claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the drawings and specification to respond to the drawing objections and the changes are believed to resolve those rejections.

Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 8 and added new claims 12 through 20, which Applicant submits are allowable. The undersigned welcomes a telephonic interview with the Examiner, if the Examiner believes that such an interview would facilitate review of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Page four, lines 10-14 (Amended)

The inflated boom 3 comprises a gas-filled flexible tube 5 around which a fouling line 6 is helically wound and connected thereto by means of eyelets (not shown) in a seam of the inflated boom 3. The fouling line ~~5~~ 6 is constructed from a strong elongate flexible element such as metallic wire or cable and is designed to foul the propeller or motor of an approaching vessel by entanglement therewith.

Page five, lines 4-7 (Amended)

A stern-mounted immobiliser device, shown in figures 4a-4c has two inflatable booms (hidden) disposed in two adjacent chambers of a cylindrical shell 7 that are connected to a supply of gas (not shown) via a common gas distribution block 121.